The Urban Pop-Up

Reimagining the metropolis through material warmth, playful geometry, and hidden pockets of community.

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A Network of Interventions

A constellation of architectural moments designed to puncture the density of the city. These ‘urban acupunctures’ utilize oxidized copper and terra cotta to distinguish themselves from the steel and glass surroundings.

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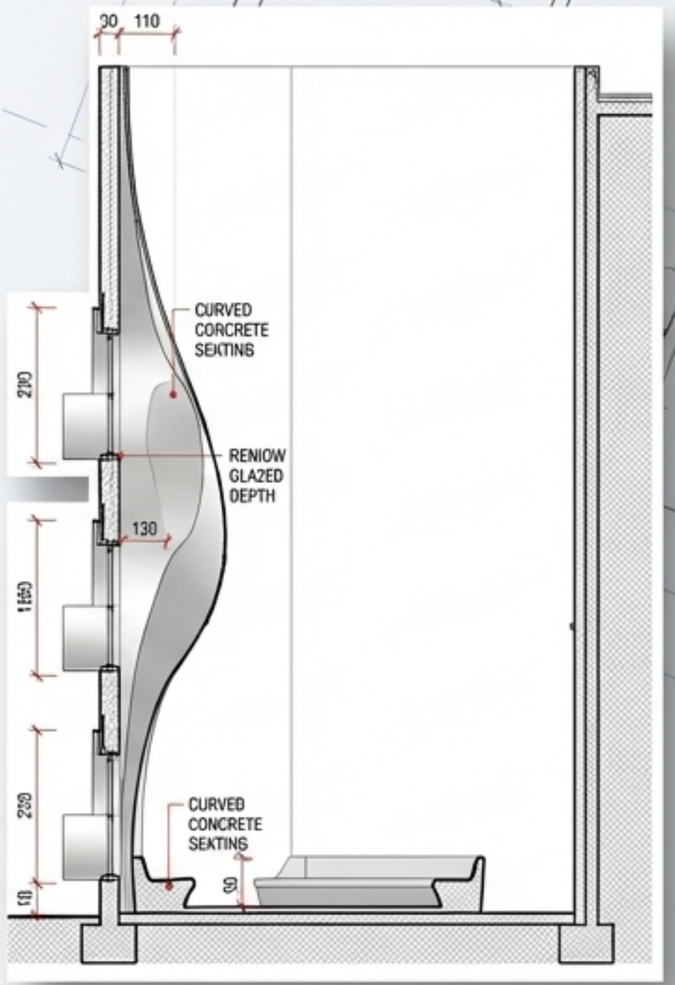
Curiosities on the Street

The facade acts as a playful barrier. Polished metallic surfaces reflect the neighborhood, while oversized circular windows (Unit Dim 2.3M) create portals between the public street and the private courtyard.

Includes curved concrete seating integrated directly into the window reveals.



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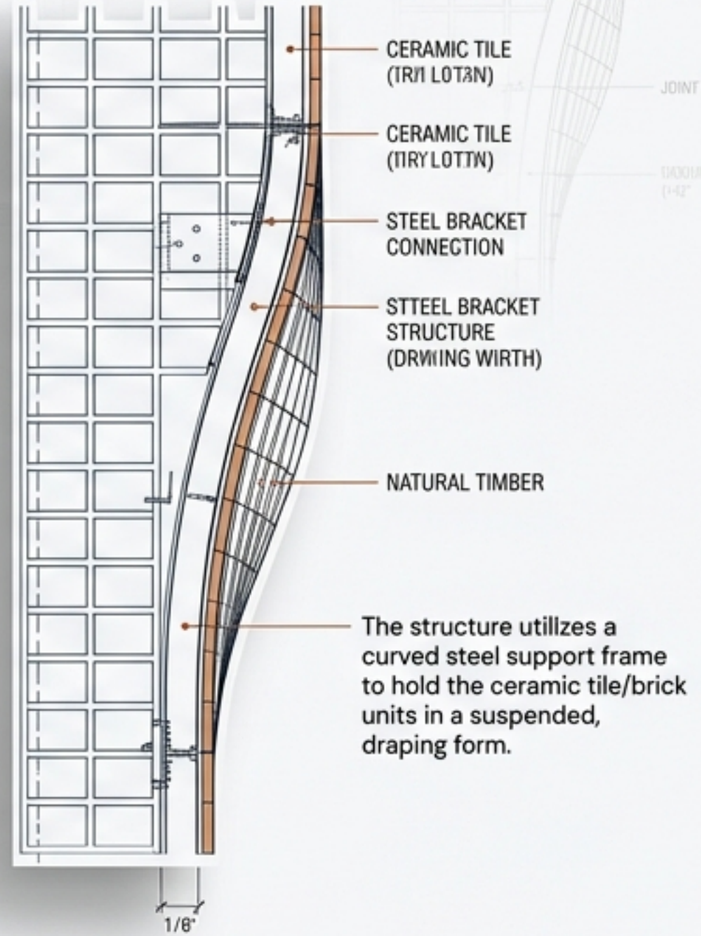
“The Brick Curtain” in Playfair Display

Challenging material physics. The parametric brick screen appears to ‘lift’ like a fabric hem, revealing the glass entrance beneath.



The structure utillzes a curved steel support frame to hold the ceramic tile/brick units in a suspended, draping form.

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Woven Timber Thresholds

A transition from the hard city to organic interiors. The facade features a massive timber lattice with a 4-foot grid spacing and 6x6 inch timber members, creating a rhythmic play of shadow and light.

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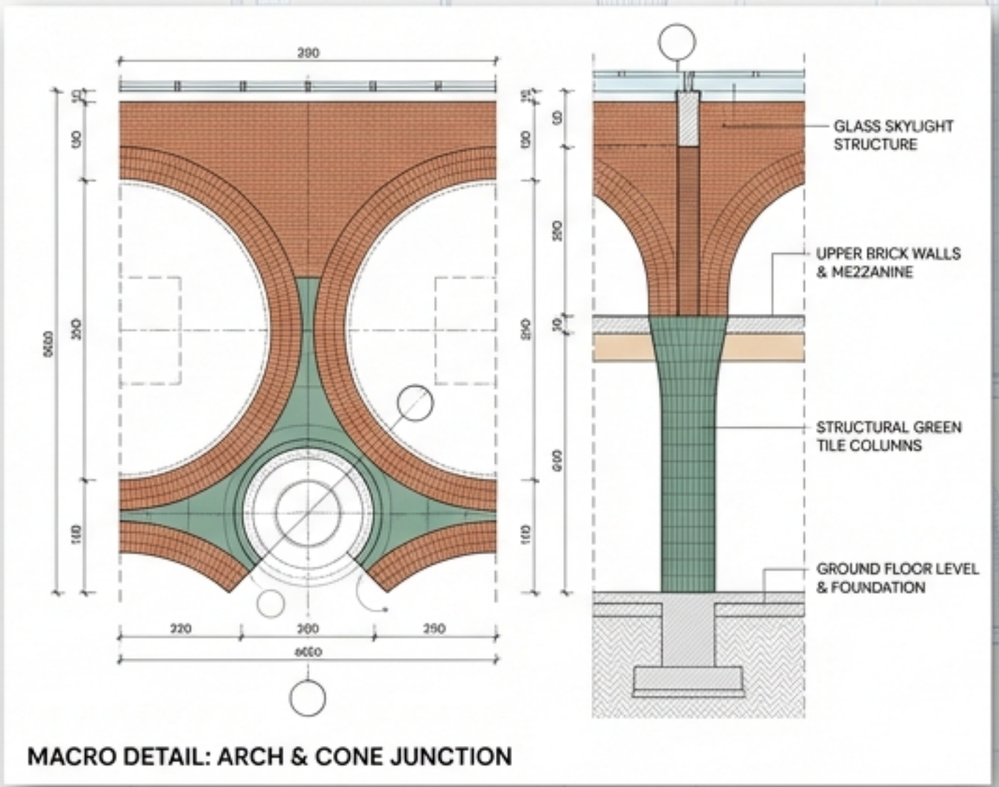
Carving the Void

Bringing light deep into the block. Structural green tile columns and conical voids puncture the floor plates, creating vertical light wells that connect the levels visually and atmospherically.



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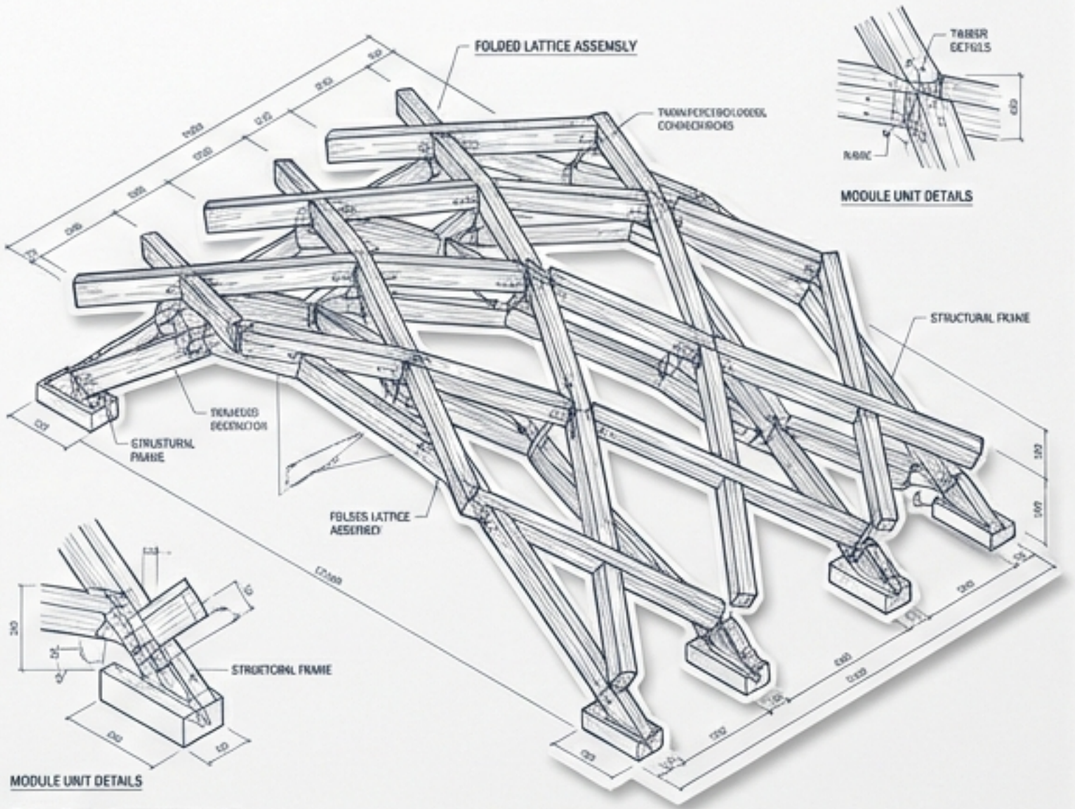
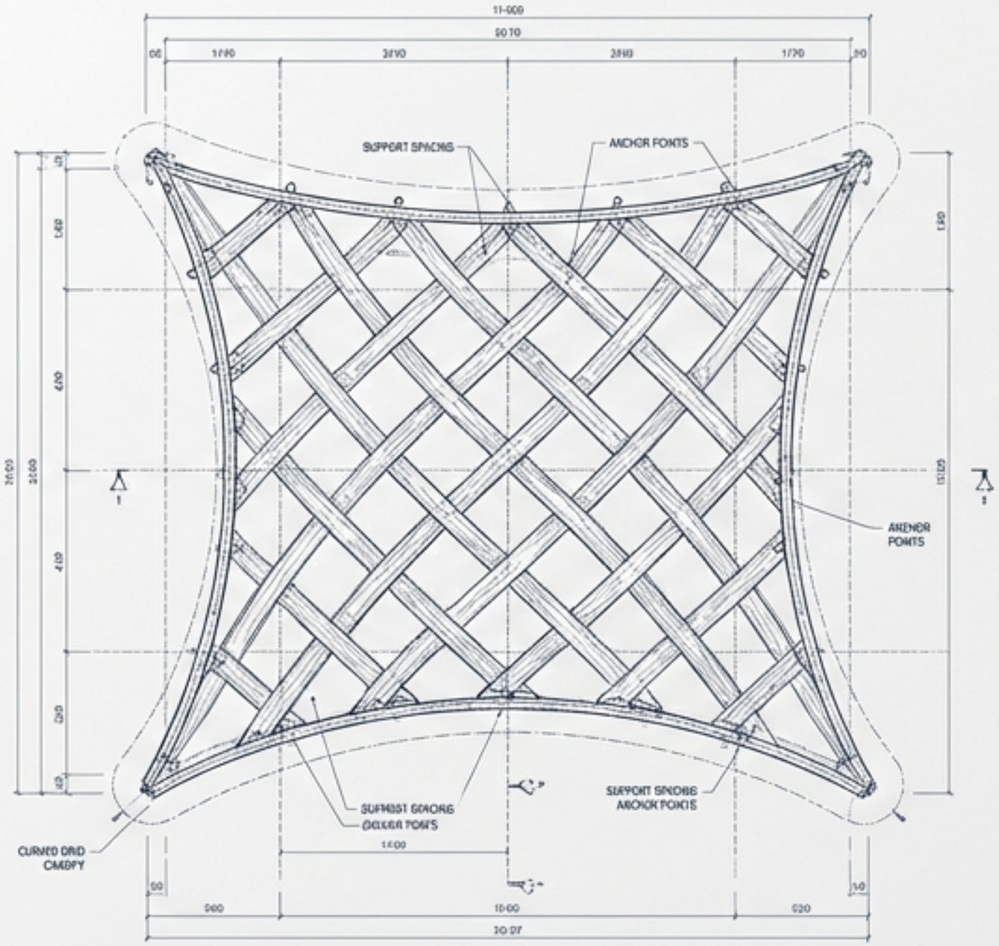
“Parametric Logic”

The complexity behind the whimsy. Steel truss systems and folded lattice assemblies support the organic forms, requiring precise parametric modeling to achieve the “woven” aesthetic.



Detailed Axonometric



Curved Grid Canopy

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The Urban Living Room

A celebration of timber. The interior architecture uses arched glulam frames and cedar shingle cladding to create acoustically warm, cavernous spaces for community gathering and performance.

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Chromatic Atmosphere

Light as a material. Stained glass arches integrated into the timber frame wash the concrete floors in a kaleidoscope of color, turning the lobby into a space of daily spectacle.

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The Internalized Landscape

A private retreat. The architecture wraps around central courtyards featuring stepped wooden seating, copper cladding, and integrated planting, offering a protected micro-climate away from street noise.

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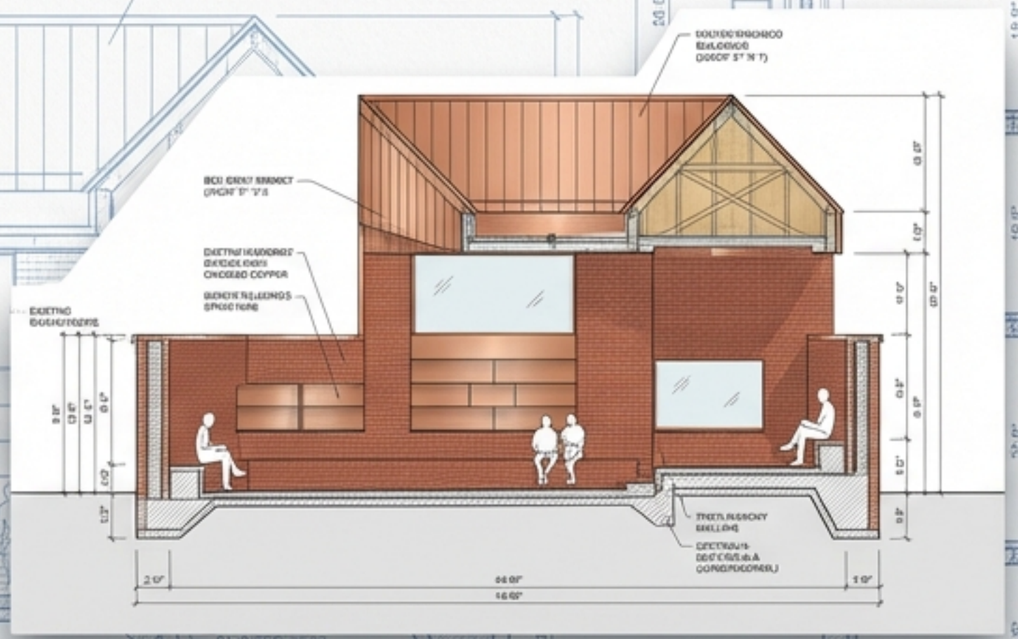
Spaces for Solitude

The “Library Tunnel.” Thick masonry walls are carved out to create reading nooks and bookshelves, integrating knowledge and quiet reflection reflection directly into the building’s structure.



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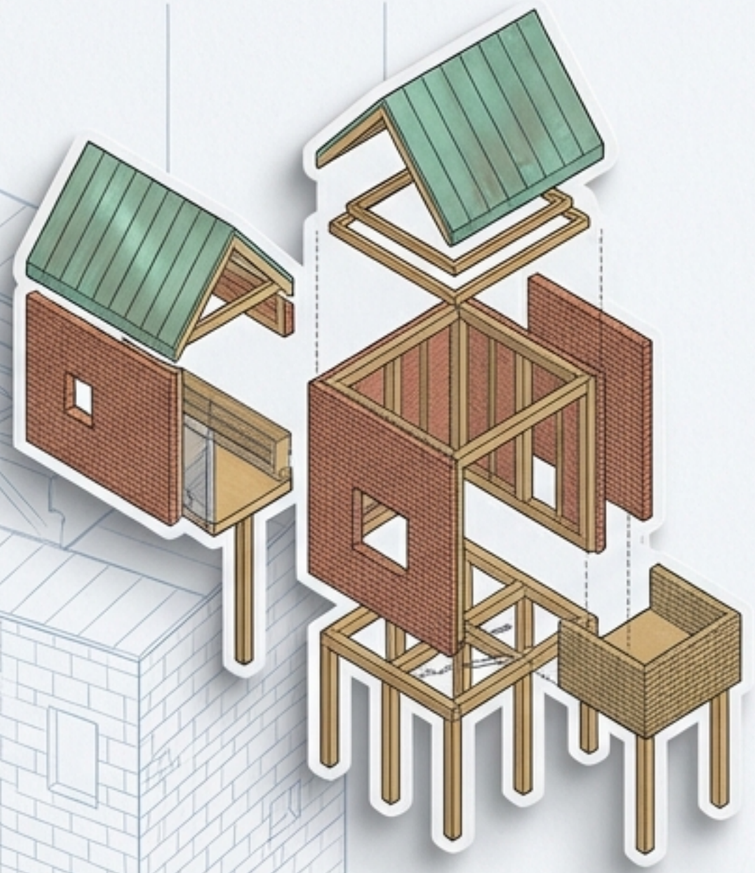
A Village in the Sky

Deconstructing the skyline. Instead of a flat roof, the project culminates in a cluster of small-scale, copper-clad “houses,” returning the architecture to a human scale even at high altitude.



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Bridging the Gaps

A continuous rooftop landscape. Copper bridges and walkways connect the various “village” nodes, creating a secondary street level in the clouds dedicated to recreation and exploration.

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Light Through the Leaves

The ultimate integration of structure and nature. A sweeping lattice roof, clad in green copper scales, filters sunlight like a tree canopy, sheltering the public plaza below.

Copper Tile Cladding

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The City Unfolded

A new urban typology that prioritizes:
Material Warmth, Human Scale, and Community Joy.

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